

CAPTURED BOER GUNS

British Effectually Reverse Legend of Laing's Neck Near Ladysmith.

GENERAL FRENCH WINS A VICTORY

He Drives the Transvaal Forces From Their Strong Position in the Hills—Battle Lasts Several Hours—General Kock, Boer Commander Wounded and Taken Prisoner.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—(New York World Cablegram.)—Burling cables the Daily Telegraph as follows:

"At Ladysmith Sunday afternoon the legend of Laing's Neck was effectually reversed when a small force of British troops of all arms of the service, under General French, proceeded sixteen miles out toward Elands-laagte and after a sharp battle for several hours drove the Boers out of a remarkably strong position in the hills and captured three of the enemy's quick-firing nine-centimeter pieces and a number of wagons with stores of ammunition.

"Kock, their general, and a member of the Transvaal executive council, was wounded and is our prisoner.

"Our men, both the regulars and the volunteers, did superb work and despite our losses the enemy was hard pushed from cover to cover, and finally bolting ran like rabbits, throwing away their guns and clothing to facilitate their escape, even finding no time to catch or saddle their horses. Most of the fugitives looked as though they would keep on running for weeks. The closing hours of the battle were fought in a cold, heavy rain, which continued to fall during most of the night. Our troops bivouacked in the Boers' position, but the wounded were sent back in trains and wagons.

"I carried in a dispatch from French to White, who later on came out by train and watched the action for awhile.

"The evening and night were very dark and a heavy rain was falling during the entire engagement.

"The flank attack was gallantly carried out by the Manchester and Gordon infantry and the Imperial Light Horse artillery, while the front attack, which was made with great boldness, was carried out by the Devonshire regiment.

"The wounded were brought back to Ladysmith in hospital trains and are being well cared for in the town hall and in the churches, which had been previously fitted up as hospital buildings and are well-suited for the purpose."

Ashmead Bartlett had a question before the House of Commons today asking whether the government had any information of a coalition between the foreign powers against Great Britain.

A. J. Balfour, government leader, privately asked Bartlett not to put the question, which was formally postponed until Thursday, but it is not expected to be heard of again.

Balfour's action tends to give color to the apprehension of foreign trouble which is entertained in certain parliamentary circles, though the ministers have privately declared that they have received no information to support such a report.

DESPERADO'S DARING DEED.

Morsethief Shoots and Mortally Wounds Constable Trying to Arrest Him.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 20.—Hardin Moss, constable at Loveland, Ia., was shot and probably mortally wounded about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a horsethief and desperado, for whose arrest he held a warrant.

The shooting occurred at a grading camp near Loveland. The desperado made good his escape in the constable's wagon, compelling Joe Morgan, a son of Sheriff Morgan, who had accompanied Moss, to take the reins and drive for him.

After a chase lasting the entire afternoon the man's capture was effected on the outskirts of this city on South avenue by Officers Sam Ahro and Harry James. The fellow showed fight and the officers were compelled to shoot him in the leg. He is now in the city jail, where he gave the name of Dave Williams and claimed to be from Nebraska.

MODIFY QUARANTINE ORDER.

Order Permitting Shipments of Cattle After November 1.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The secretary of agriculture has promulgated an order modifying previous regulations concerning shipments of cattle after November 1 from the quarantined district. It permits shipment after that date without any restrictions except those enforced by local regulations to all points except those in Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas, western Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. Cattle intended for these states are allowed to be shipped after undergoing inspection and being found free from infection. As the regulations stood before the change was made they prohibited shipment without inspection before January 1.

Weekers Ditch a Train.

CHARLES CITY, Ia., Oct. 25.—Train wreckers last night ditched the engine and three coaches of a north-bound Illinois Central passenger train by spiking the rails. The engineer was bruised, but all others escaped. The engine was demolished and the property loss is heavy.

Master Out of the Iowans.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—The order was given today to the officers in charge of the Fifty-first Iowa to make every precaution possible for the mustering out of the regiment on next Saturday. The under officers feared that this could not be accomplished in that short time and asked their superiors for a consultation on the subject. They held one and came to the conclusion that they will be able to meet the mustering out demands by November 2, and it is more than likely that they will be given until that date to do the work.

IOWANS ARE ON LAND.

Fifty-First Marches to Presidio, Cheered All the Way.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 24.—The transport Senator, which arrived here yesterday with the Fifty-first Iowa regiment, was docked at the government wharf today.

The soldiers were landed from the Senator later in the day and marched to the ferry depot. Governor Shaw and many other prominent Iowans were present, and speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered.

After breakfast the men were lined up for the march to the Presidio. The march through the streets of the city was accomplished under the same enthusiastic conditions which have greeted the other returned regiments. The men were cheered all along the line. Each man was decorated with flowers and flags. The camping ground formerly occupied by the Montana regiment will serve to shelter the Iowans until they are mustered out, probably in two or three weeks.

IOWANS MEET WITH DISASTER.

Party Reaches San Francisco From Its Alaskan Trip.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 24.—The schooner Louis D. arrived this afternoon from Cape Nome with a party of seventeen Iowans, mostly from Nevada and Des Moines. The vessel left Cape Nome September 25, but encountered a heavy storm on the 29th, after having been becalmed a half day of Nunevik Pass. October 8 Charles Hough of Nevada died of dysentery and was buried at sea. The party of the Louis D. are part of the Iowa Prospect company of which C. Dr. Chester de France of Des Moines was frozen to death and was buried in the snow.

Detail to Watch Boer War.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—Colonel Sumner, Major Storey, Captain Gibson and Captain Slocum have been detailed to proceed to South Africa to observe and report on military operations. Colonel Sumner is a brigadier-general of volunteers, his present station is at London embassy. Major Storey is stationed at Governor's Island; Captain Gibson is an ordnance officer, stationed at Columbus, and Captain Slocum, who was United States military attaché at Lisbon, is on his way to Capetown.

No Operation on Czar.

DARMSTADT, Oct. 24.—With reference to the report circulated in the United States that the head of the czar had been operated on recently, it is pointed out that his majesty during his stay here was in the best of health, accompanied the czarina and the grand duke and grand duchess of Hesse on frequent excursions last week and yesterday attended the services at the Russian chapel here. The trepanning story is pronounced to be untrue.

Rockefeller Gets In.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—William Rockefeller was today elected a member of the executive committee of the New York Central Railway company at the session which authorized an addition of \$15,000,000 stock. The World says:

"The election of Mr. Rockefeller to the executive councils of the New York Central is of far-reaching importance, as it marks the surrender of the New York, New Haven & Hartford system to the New York Central."

Iowa Has a Thanksgiving.

ATLANTIC, Ia., Oct. 24.—When it became known here that the Senator had arrived at San Francisco with the Fifty-first Iowa on board there was general rejoicing. All the business houses were in holiday attire in honor of the returning soldiers. Arrangements for a proper reception of the Atlantic boys are under way and this city will not be lacking in its expression of appreciation of the work done in the Philippines.

Iowa Man Buried at Sea.

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Father McCabe Is Dead.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 24.—A Waseca, Minn., special says: Rev. P. M. McCabe, the well known Roman Catholic clergyman, died Saturday evening of Bright's disease at St. Mary's, a small mission near Waseca. It was Father McCabe who was instrumental in liberating the political prisoner John Boyle O'Reilly, who afterward became the noted American poet.

Abandon Will Contest.

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 24.—The will of the late George W. Clayton, who bequeathed \$1,000,000 to the city of Denver for an orphan's college, was admitted to probate in the county court. The contest of the will which was threatened by a brother and other heirs of the deceased, has been abandoned.

Cuban Exhibit at Paris.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—The War department is considering the desirability of having a Cuban exhibit at the Paris exposition. Secretary Root had a talk on the subject today with Mr. Quesada, the Cuban commissioner, and the latter is to draw up a memorandum on the subject.

Iowa Company Wins.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 24.—An important mining decision was filed in the United States circuit court of appeals today. The Bixton Mining company, an Iowa corporation, brought action against the Golden Reward Mining company to recover damages for a wrongful entry upon its property, situated in South Dakota, known as the Bonanza Lode mining claim, and for the removal therefrom and conversion to its own use of a large amount of gold and silver bearing ore, alleged to be of the value of \$200,000. The verdict in that suit was for \$51,500.

A HOLIDAY APPROACHING.

President Issues His Annual Thanksgiving Proclamation.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—The president has issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:

"A national custom dear to the hearts of the people, calls for the setting apart of one day in each year as an occasion of special thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of the preceding year. This honored observance acquires with time a tenderer significance. It enriches domestic life. It summons under the family roof the absent children to glad reunion with those they love.

"Seldom has this nation had greater cause for profound thanksgiving. No great pestilence has invaded our shores. Liberal employment waits upon labor. Abundant crops have rewarded the efforts of the husbandman. Increased comforts have come to the home. The national finances have been strengthened and public credit has been sustained and made firmer. In all branches of industry and trade there has been an unequalled degree of prosperity, while there has been a steady gain in the moral and educational growth of our national character.

"Churches and schools have flourished. American patriotism has been exalted. Thus engaged in maintaining the honor of the flag with such signal success have been in a large degree spared from disaster and disease. An honorable peace has been ratified with a foreign nation with which we are at war, and we are now on friendly relations with every power on earth.

"The trust which we have assumed for the benefit of the people of Cuba has been faithfully advanced. There is marked progress toward the restoration of healthy industrial conditions and under wise sanitary regulations the island has enjoyed unusual exemption from the scourge of fever.

"The hurricane which swept over our new possession of Porto Rico, destroying the homes and property of the inhabitants, called forth the instant sympathy of the people of the United States, who were swift to respond with generous aid to the sufferers.

"While the instruction still continues in the island of Luzon, business is resuming its activity and confidence in the good purposes of the United States is being rapidly established throughout the archipelago.

"For these reasons and countless others, I, William McKinley, president of the United States, do hereby name Thursday, the 30th day of November next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed as such by all our people on this continent, and in our newly acquired islands, as well as by those who may be at sea or sojourning in foreign lands, and I advise that on this day religious exercises shall be conducted in the churches or meeting places of all denominations, in order that in the social features of the day its real significance may not be lost sight of, but fervent prayers may be offered to the Most High for a continuance of the divine guidance without which man's efforts are in vain, and for divine consolation to those whose kindred and friends have sacrificed their lives for our country.

"I recommend also that on this day, so far as it may be found practicable, labor shall cease from its accustomed toil and charity abound toward the sick, the needy and the poor.

"In witness whereof I have set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"WILLIAM M'KINLEY."

SECOND BATTLE AT LADYSMITH.

Boers Reported Repulsed, but British Lose Over One Hundred.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—A special dispatch from Capetown, dated 9:10 this morning, says there has been another battle at Ladysmith, and that the Boers were repulsed. The British casualties were placed at four killed and seven wounded, all rank and file.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—General White has telegraphed to the war office from Rietfontein, under date of October 24, saying that in the fighting near Ladysmith, twelve of the British force were killed and eighty-nine wounded, and that five are missing, the casualties being among the Gloucester regiment.

Blizzard Breeds Death.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 26.—A special from Great Falls, Mont., says: If any one has concluded that the time has passed when the servant is as faithful to the interests of his master as he could be to his own, he should consider the story of the recent blizzard, which swept through Teton county in the northern part of this state, a county given to the raising of sheep and cattle.

As a result of that storm nine men are known to be dead, and of these five bodies have been recovered. With one exception all were sheep herders, and all were found lying in such positions as to indicate that they had stayed with their lands to the last, dying in their attempts to save the property of their employers.

Russia Sells Gold Lands.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The fact that Russia has opened for foreign exploits on the gold lands of Siberia is announced in a report to the state department from United States Charge Plerot at St. Petersburg. He sends copies of a decree providing for the sale of gold lands to take place between the 15th and 27th of February next, and it is noted that the sale is open to any persons whether Russians or foreigners.

Governor Asks for Troops.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26.—The secretary of war this afternoon received a telegram from Governor Murphy of Arizona saying that considerable trouble has occurred at Maco, on the border between Arizona and Mexico, between American cowboys and Mexican officers. He recommends that a company of troops be ordered there from Fort Huachuca to remain until the trouble has subsided. He says that the civil officers will do everything possible to maintain order, but may not be able to do so.

LIVE STOCK INTERESTS

The Grand Showing This Great State is Able to Make.

CATTLE, HORSES, HOGS AND SHEEP

A Shortage in Cars Troubling Railway Officials—Increasing Business Keeps Everybody on the Jump—As to Nebraska Soldier Quota—Other Matters in This State.

Live Stock Interests of the State.

County.	Sheep	Cattle	Hogs	H's.
Adams	154	15,355	29,576	9,155
Antelope	591	22,201	32,194	7,575
Banner	3,532	11,157	135	2,289
Boone	733	5,309	399	895
Box Butte	831	24,785	28,608	8,182
Boyd	1,347	8,828	689	4,420
Brown	4,154	19,275	6,378	3,022
Butte	3,013	26,267	36,227	13,059
Butler	778	31,151	41,088	8,129
Cass	165	18,888	29,974	9,352
Cedar	495	28,575	39,850	9,524
Cherokee	344	11,195	31,381	9,323
Cherry	1,162	59,771	2,978	12,777
Cheyenne	5,090	37,110	1,500	8,496
Clay	522	17,894	36,762	10,130
Colfax	10,381	21,077	27,898	5,773
Cuming	551	32,886	47,510	7,288
Dakota	334	31,294	52,403	20,557
Dawson	9	31,959	12,368	3,755
DeWitt	19,854	29,065	923	6,996
Dixon	1,124	24,187	31,352	10,682
Dodge	3,583	41,744	1,896	4,559
Douglas	4,231	23,800	32,852	6,265
Dundy	115	14,928	23,203	9,291
Fillmore	316	16,844	29,730	6,849
Franklin	849	30,944	44,881	13,549
Furnas	549	39,889	49,830	14,671
Gage	911	4,258	3,075	1,391
Garfield	29	7,256	2,352	5,414
Grant	116	10,907	13,950	4,133
Greely	23,025	25,037	42,281	8,672
Hall	29	17,227	24,194	7,268
Harrison	29	3,982	10,390	2,596
Hayes	9,989	48,613	7,895	4,774
Holt	3,491	2,960	2,540	543
Hooker	19,923	21,827	31,858	6,238
Hovard	17,541	29,443	29,090	8,847
Jefferson	1,828	11,078	28,218	6,525
Johnson	4,112	15,781	30,640	7,234
Keokuk	1,162	13,849	31,981	9,827
Keith	3,529	13,545	4,221	3,675
Keya Paha	19,316	6,950	45	2,291
Kimball	3,466	28,291	32,352	8,566
Knox	5,231	29,669	43,372	15,346
Lancaster	3,436	26,954	19,428	11,147
Lincoln	4,061	34,965	2,963	2,222
Lodge	16,228	29,976	24,158	8,612
Logan	1,730	12,980	25,267	4,069
Madison	976	39,965	25,733	6,113
Manly	494	13,434	28,253	6,674
Marion	154	14,985	31,652	7,878
McPherson	4,061	24,969	34,841	10,127
McPherson	891	21,133	29,652	7,365
Merriam	6,523	7,796	2,369	2,239
Morrison	2,479	23,411	22,392	5,748
Muskegon	6,414	26,823	43,044	9,588
Nemaha	2,574	12,286	22,328	6,078
Nevada	519	14,514	23,896	7,073
Richardson	1,723	27,531	40,511	9,621
Rock	5,891	13,474	14,420	2,614
Salem	76	18,953	33	19,488
Sarpy	665	9,482	14,001	4,771
Saunder	2,708	33,351	45,323	12,669
Scott	17,541	13,296	37,869	10,652
Seward	2,994	21,044	27,899	10,652
Sheridan	37,706	47,375	1,290	2,002
Sherman	379	13,750	12,886	5,408
Sioux	4,229	13,727	25,373	6,576
Stanton	592	24,854	25,245	4,799
Thayer	542	17,718	27,342	8,888
Thomas	12,923	12,286	32,352	10,488
Thurston	7	12,627	11,369	3,927
Valley	1,417	14,721	17,899	6,999
Washington	642	31,531	25,733	6,078
Washita	642	31,531	25,733	6,078
Webster	781	21,341	34,333	8,996
Wheeler	338	7,114	4,055	4,719
York	734	22,132	26,571	10,852
Total	381,507	1,808,732	1,929,178	221,135

Car Shortage Continues.

OMAHA, Oct. 28.—The car shortage is still troubling railway officials and is likely to do so for the balance of the winter. General Freight Agent Crosby of the Burlington has stated that the situation in the territory over which he has control has been somewhat relieved, and enough cars are available to fill the most pressing demands. In speaking of the situation a freight official stated: "We think one day that there is an improvement in the situation and that we can see our way out. The next day it is different, and we find ourselves as badly off as ever."

General Offices of the Northwestern and Milwaukee lines are quoted as saying that they cannot supply half the demands made upon them for cars, and a few days ago the Burlington, taking its whole system, had orders booked for 2,000 more cars than it was able to fill. The general demand for freight cars is confined not alone to the big crops in the west, but because of the general freight carrying business, which has increased enormously ever that of last year.

Looking for the Murderer.

OMAHA, Oct. 28.—Still hoping to aid in the capture and conviction of the slayer of his daughter on Park avenue two months ago, James McAuliffe, a laboring man whose residence is in Denver, remains in Omaha. Being a poor man he has been obliged to find work to support himself and family while he is here, and has obtained employment on the street with the Grant Paving company. Mr. McAuliffe still hopes the police will secure Steve Van Whynan and make him answer the charge of killing the defenseless girl with whom he was riding on the fatal night. This pathetic feature, as well as the failure of the authorities to arrest Van Whynan, decided County Attorney Shields to request the governor to offer \$200 reward on behalf of the state, which the executive is likely to do. This would make the total reward \$400 for the location of the murderer of Lizzie McAuliffe.

Father Wins His Daughter.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Oct. 28.—The Hart-Mason habeas corpus case was decided by Judge Keyser in favor of Mr. Hart, the father of the child. The case is one in which Mr. Hart, a resident of Springfield, Mo., brought suit against Mr. and Mrs. Mason, the parents of his deceased wife, for the possession of his 7-year-old daughter. The child was taken by its grandparents when 2 years old, upon the death of its mother. Mr. Hart did not question the treatment of the child by its grandparents, but claimed possession by his rights as a father.

A Fine Team Ruined.

Webster City Freeman: Supervisor C. D. Doolittle met with an accident yesterday which is likely to result in the loss of one or both of his fine driving horses. He was up on his farm, two and a half miles east of Woodstock, burning the dead grass off of a low piece of ground which he is getting ready to tile out. His team had been unhitched and tied to the rear end of the wagon and was more than a quarter of a mile away from where the men were burning the grass, and, as they supposed, entirely out of any possible danger. But by some means the fire got away from them, and before the men could get to the horses they were enveloped in flames, and by the time they reached them were so badly burned that there is little hope they will survive the injuries received. The grass was about knee deep around the wagon and horses, and when thoroughly aspe created a heat that burned hair and flesh of the poor helpless animals in an incredibly short time.

Corn Tares Out Fairly Well.

RISING CITY, Neb., Oct. 30.—Corn taring has been going on in this section for the past three weeks. While the yield is not so bad as was predicted by some during the hot spell, the first part of September, there is yet a heavy falling off from what was promised earlier on in the season, the yield being so far from thirty to fifty bushels per acre, and very seldom touching either of these figures, but more generally yielding from thirty-five to forty-five bushels. This yield will nevertheless furnish a heavy volume of corn for market, the large acreage more than making up for any shortage on account of the falling off of the per acre yield. Notwithstanding the prevailing fair price for corn in the local markets, there will be a considerable quantity stored on the farms, many farmers having conceived the notion that the price will be still better in the not distant future.

Will Bring Test Case.

LINCOLN, Neb., Oct. 30.—Attorney General Smyth will in a few days file a brief in the supreme court in the case brought by the state of Nebraska against the Home Fire Insurance company of New York, the test case brought to find out if the insurance companies that paid ex-Auditor Moore some \$23,000 shall be required to pay it over again to the state. The case was originally brought in the Lancaster county district court, where Judge Holmes decided that the state, having elected to pursue the auditor on his bond and having secured a verdict and judgment, could not also collect from the insurance companies. The judgment obtained runs only against Moore, as the courts have held that the embezzled money not having been received by him by virtue of his office, his bondsmen could not be held.

Think McBride the Slayer.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Oct. 30.—There is much interest here in the press dispatches from Stillwater, Minn., over the confession of McBride, a convict at the penitentiary in that city, which indicates that he is the man who shot Nicholas A. Craig, the city marshal, on the night of September 29, 1896, from the effects of which he died a few minutes later, and it is thought the authorities here will take hold of the matter at once. There is quite a reward offered for the capture and conviction of the murderer. Mrs. Craig died about a year since and her death being undoubtedly the result of the shock received at the time of his shooting. Roy Patchin and Oscar Morgan, still live in Table Rock.

Head End Collision.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Oct. 30.—Passenger train No. 6, going east, and freight train No. 29, going west, met in a head-end collision in the north end of the Burlington yards here. The passengers and the trainmen were all roughly shaken up, but no one was considerably hurt. "The engine of the freight was badly battered. The pilot was knocked off and the tender telescoped the freight car following.

The point of collision was where the switch track, on which the freight was, crosses the main line. When